

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 357

By Hensley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Danny McKnight upon being named as the 2008-2009 Lewis County Middle School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize and commend our superlative educators who have given unreservedly of themselves to develop this state's most precious natural resource - our children; and

WHEREAS, one such extraordinary educator is Danny McKnight, who was recently selected as the 2008-2009 Teacher of the Year of Lewis County Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKnight attended the University of Tennessee at Martin from 1972 through 1976; and

WHEREAS, he began his distinguished teaching career at Lewis County Middle School in 1977, serving as a teacher for grades six through eight until 1984; and

WHEREAS, he also taught fifth grade math at East Hickman Middle School in 1996; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, he returned to Lewis County Middle School and taught sixth grade and currently serves his students as the eighth grade history teacher and head football coach; and

WHEREAS, the good people at Lewis County Middle School recognize and appreciate Mr. McKnight's excellence as an educator, coach, and role model for young people; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that the school is at the heart of the community he serves, Mr. McKnight endeavors to engender in his students the principals and character values that they will need to succeed in life; and

WHEREAS, Danny McKnight is an extremely talented and giving person who motivates his students to reach their full potential, perhaps the greatest of all teaching gifts; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his teaching, Mr. McKnight still finds time to lend his amazing talents to the community in numerous capacities; he was instrumental in establishing an annual fundraiser for the American Heart Association and Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, during his service as the head football coach of the Lewis County Middle School Panthers, McKnight has led his teams to three district championships while instilling in his players a sense of teamwork, accomplishment, and pride; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKnight epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean and inspires all of us to imagine a better future by encouraging excellence in his students; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded as a professional and friend, Danny McKnight is the perfect example of a person totally committed to quality education and the highest ideals of public service and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Danny McKnight upon being named as the 2008-2009 Teacher of the Year of Lewis County Middle School, applaud him for his meritorious service to the state of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success..

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.